

# Briefs . . .

## Military Community Job Fair

The Military Community Job Fair will be held Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Road. Attendees should bring copies of their resume and be prepared to meet with recruiters; more than 100 employers will be at this event. Visitors to the job fair will find out about a special program. The U.S. Department of State can assist qualified U.S. citizens in competing for professional positions in the United Nations and other international organizations. Applicants with an advanced degree; language skills in French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese or Russian; and a U.S. citizenship should stop by the United Nations Information and Assistance booth. The job fair is sponsored by several Fort Sam Houston and Randolph Air Force Base military community services, the U.S. Department of Labor/VETS, the Texas Veterans Commission and the Disabled American Veterans. For more information, call the Army Career and Alumni Program at 221-1213.

## SAMC Induction Ceremony

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club Induction Ceremony will be held Friday at 4 p.m. in the Blesse Auditorium. Sgt. 1st Class Chanda Gaines, Army Medical Department NCO Academy, and Staff Sgt. Johnny Arterson, B Company, 264th Medical Battalion, will be inducted at the ceremony. The guest speaker will be Command Sgt. Maj. Craig Layton, Great Plains Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center. For more information, call 1st Sgt. Clay Istre at 286-4033 or e-mail clay.istre@amedd.army.mil.

## Women’s History Month

The Women’s History Month commemoration will be held March 29 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Roadrunner Community Center, Building 2797. The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Suzanne Adkinson, chief, Analysis and Control Element, 470th Military Intelligence Brigade. The event is sponsored by the 470th MI Brigade and Fort Sam Houston major commands. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Robyn Moore at 295-6800. To request reasonable accommodation for a disability, call 221-0218.

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Photo by Esther Garcia

# Bittersweet return

Dillon Dresser smiles as his brother, Lance Cpl. Colt Dresser, receives a big hug from their mother, Monica, during a welcome home ceremony held at the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center March 15. Local Marines deployed to Iraq for nine months. Lance Cpl. Luke Holler, Staff Sgt. Jason Whitehouse, Cpl. Michael Lasky and Sara Abraham, a civilian employee, did not make it home with their comrades. During the ceremony a Marine bugler sounded Taps in their honor. **See related story on Pages 12 and 13.**

# Burn patients look forward to Center for the Intrepid rigor

By Nelia Schrum  
Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

When Sgt. Antonio Autrey was burned in Iraq by a blast that destroyed his Bradley Fighting Vehicle almost a year ago, all the former high school football receiver wanted to do was to be able to hold a football again.

Now after almost a year in recovery at the Burn Center, the 4th Infantry Division Soldier has set his sights on bench pressing with a goal of lifting 345 pounds – something he regularly accomplished with ease before an insurgent’s blast. Touring the Center for the Intrepid Friday with fellow burn patients, Autrey, 26, said he hoped the new facility would, “help me get back in shape.”

Burn patients, who receive both physical therapy and occupational therapy in the Burn Center, went on an orientation tour of the Center for the Intrepid with an eye on how the rehabilitation center could help each of them once their therapists referred them for the next level of occupational and physical therapy.

To help the Center for the Intrepid with the increased patient load of Burn Center patients on their way to recovery, the Institute of Surgical Research is adding 25 staff members to work with the burn patients including physical therapists, occupational therapist, physical therapy assistants and social workers.

Capt. Charles Quick, chief of

occupational therapy at the Burn Center, arranged for the burn patients to have an in-depth look at the Center for the Intrepid.


“We want to give them the opportunity to restore function in all of their activities of daily living,” Quick said. “This will give them opportunities to get back to the things they know and love.”

He said that each burn patient is evaluated weekly, and when therapists at the Burn Center identify a wounded warrior able to take on more advanced therapy, then that patient would begin a course of treatment at the Center for the Intrepid. Each referred patient will be evaluated by Lt. Col. Jennifer Menetrez, medical director for the center, who will develop a rigorous individualized therapy plan.

Dr. Rebecca Hooper, program manager, Center for the Intrepid, said that the staff of the BAMC Amputee Care Center has worked with many patients who have lost limbs as a result of burn injury prior to the opening of the center.

At the Center for the Intrepid, burn patients, who may not necessarily be amputees, but have functional loss in their extremities, will also be able to benefit from a variety of therapies that are provided in the new, larger space at the

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# Army announces wounded Soldier hotline

WASHINGTON — The Army opened phones Monday on its new Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline, providing wounded and injured Soldiers and their family members with another way to resolve medical issues.

The hotline also provides an information channel for Soldiers’ medical-related issues to go directly to senior Army leadership in order to improve the way the Army serves the medical needs of Soldiers and their families, said the commander of U.S. Army Human Resources Command, Maj. Gen. Sean J. Byrne.

“We designed this call center to be able to collectively hear what Soldiers say about their health-care issues so as issues are raised, we can identify systemic faults or problematic areas, and senior leaders can better allocate resources,” Byrne said. “It’s all about serving our wounded and injured Soldiers and their families. If we can find a way to improve our system, we will. It’s that simple.”

Many wounded and injured Soldiers who have supported the Global War on Terror, and their families, are enduring hardships in navigating through the medical care system, Byrne said.

“Our Army is committed to providing outstanding medical care for the men and women who have volunteered to serve this great nation,” Byrne said. “But recent events at

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Commander, U.S. Army Human Resources Command

Walter Reed Army Medical Center made it clear the Army needs to revise how it meets the needs of our injured and wounded Soldiers and their families. In certain cases, the chain of command could have done a better job in helping to resolve medically related issues.”

Leaders in the chain of command need to know that this call center exists, and it was not created to circumvent the chain of command, Byrne said.

“In this particularly challenging time, as our senior Army leadership looks to ways to improve our service to wounded and injured Soldiers and their families, this is another step in the direction of improvement,” he said. “Our wounded and injured Soldiers and their families expect and deserve the very best care and leadership from our Army.”

The “Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline” can be reached Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 800-984-8523. The call center is under the command of the U.S. Army’s Human Resources Command.

(Source: Army News Service)

# Mandatory ethics training

Soldiers and civilian employees must attend one hour of face-to-face ethics training taught by an ethic attorney in 2007, as directed by the Secretary of the Army. The following classes will be taught in Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841:

April 25 from 1 to 2 p.m.  
May 23 from 9 to 10 a.m.  
June 14 from 1 to 2 p.m.  
July 12 from 9 to 10 a.m.  
Aug. 13 from 1 to 2 p.m.  
Sept. 10 from 9 to 10 a.m.

Soldiers and civilian employees whose official duties include a procurement function (this includes Government Purchase Card holders and approving officials) must also attend a second hour of acquisition ethics training. This second hour will be taught immediately following the first hour of ethics training in Blesse Auditorium on the following days:

April 25 from 2 to 3 p.m.  
May 23 from 10 to 11 a.m.  
June 14 from 2 to 3 p.m.  
July 12 from 10 to 11 a.m.

For more information, call Gerald R. Krimbill, Shelby Tanner or Capt. White at 221-2373 or 221-0485.

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### AECP ceremony

The Army Medical Department Enlisted Commissioning Program will commission new second lieutenants into the U.S. Army April 6 at 9 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. AECP provides eligible active duty Soldiers the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree in nursing, become a registered nurse and be commissioned in the Army Nurse Corps. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Moore, detachment sergeant of the AMEDD Student Detachment, at 221-3083 or Anna Prescott at 221-5582.

### MEDCOM awards luncheon

The Medical Command NCO and Soldier of the Year Luncheon will be held April 6 at 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Larry Fenti at 916-3224 or Sgt. 1st Class Luis Lopez at 916-9317.

### Special Operations Career Fair

Stop by the Army Special Operations Career Fair to learn more about careers in Special Forces, Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, 75th Ranger Regiment, Explosive Ordnance Disposal and U.S. Army Special Operations Command. The fair will be held at the Phantom Warrior Complex, Fort Hood, Texas, April 11 and 12 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call the Fort Hood Special Operations Recruiting Team at 254-288-7411.

### Health information magnets

The San Antonio Multi-Service Market Office and Brooke Army Medical Center have developed refrigerator magnets and wallet-sized cards to provide patients with summarized information on how to access BAMC and other TRICARE-related services. The magnets and cards are available at the BAMC information desks, family medicine services, pediatrics and adolescent clinics.

### Fort Sam tax center

The Fort Sam Houston Military Tax Assistance Center is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed Sundays and Mondays. The center is located behind the Legal Office in Building 133. Tax returns will be completed on an appointment-only basis, with the exception of 1040EZ filers, who can walk in. For more information or to make an appointment, call 295-1040 or 295-0061 or visit <http://www.samhouston.army.mil/tax/index.html>.

### RCI resident assessment survey

Fort Sam Houston family housing residents will receive a resident assessment survey via e-mail in the next few weeks. The survey is being administered through a third party, Educational Benchmarking, Inc., at the request of Residential Communities Initiative Headquarters. The purpose of the survey is to solicit feedback from families about on-post housing needs. The information will be used to select and prioritize future improvements to housing facilities and services. Answers will be kept confidential and will not be used for any purpose other than the survey. For more information, call Lincoln Military Housing at 270-7638.

# USARSO prepares for humanitarian, disaster relief

By Maj. Eric Atkisson  
U.S. Army South

U.S. Army South conducted an exercise last month called Fuerte Apoyo 2007, designed to familiarize Soldiers and civilians with the process of deploying, establishing and running an Operational Command Post to coordinate humanitarian assistance/disaster relief operations like those conducted in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch.

In October 1998, Hurricane Mitch, one of the deadliest hurricanes in Atlantic history, struck Central America. Over a span of six days, the hurricane pounded the coast with waves up to 22-feet high and dropped as much as 75 inches of rain in parts of Honduras and Nicaragua, triggering catastrophic flooding that killed more than 11,000 people, left over 8,000 missing and caused an estimated \$5 billion in damage.

In Honduras alone, the hurricane destroyed about 70 percent of the crops, between 70 to 80 percent of the infrastructure and about 25 villages. More than 20 percent of Hondurans were left homeless, and the population suffered outbreaks of malaria, dengue fever and cholera. Honduran President Carlos Roberto Flores was not exaggerating when he said that the hurricane

destroyed 50 years of progress in his country.

In response to the crisis, U.S. Southern Command in Miami directed two joint task forces to coordinate humanitarian assistance/disaster relief operations in the region. JTF Bravo, already stationed at Soto Cano Air Base in Honduras, coordinated efforts in that nation while a second task force, JTF Aguila, stood up in El Salvador to coordinate efforts in El Salvador, Nicaragua and Guatemala. A three-phased operation known as Fuerte Apoyo, Spanish for strong support, commenced, designed to save lives, provide critical supplies, repair infrastructure and help the host nations in their long-term effort toward recovery.

Operation Fuerte Apoyo ended in 1999, but the U.S. spirit of "strong support" for Central America remains as strong as ever nearly a decade later, as evidenced by the Fuerte Apoyo 2007. Lt. Col. Jim Rose, who supervised operations at the OCP during the exercise, described Fuerte Apoyo 2007 as "a key training event for USARSO Soldiers."

"As a collective body, this is the first time we've had the opportunity to deploy into Central America in a number of years,"



Photo by Jose Saez

U.S. Army South Commander Brig. Gen. Ken Keen briefs doctors from a non-governmental organization about New Horizons humanitarian assistance projects inside USARSO's Operational Command Post for Fuerte Apoyo 2007 at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras.



Photo by Miguel Negron

An aerial view of the Operational Command Post U.S. Army South established at Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras, for Fuerte Apoyo 2007. Throughout the exercise, the OCP served as a joint task force headquarters supervising the movement of personnel and materiel into Guatemala and Belize for New Horizons exercises.

said Rose.

About eight years to be exact. Originally stationed in Panama, USARSO moved to Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, in 1999 and then to Fort Sam Houston in 2003, occupying the original Brooke Army Medical Center building, or "Old BAMC." Since then, USARSO personnel have been increasingly focused on the changes that their transformation to 6th Army in 2008 will bring, foremost among them the ability to deploy an OCP "downrange" while still operating a fully-manned Main Command Post at Fort Sam Houston.

The Fuerte Apoyo exercise "gives us a chance to

do the things we would normally do from San Antonio," said Maj. Andrew Ajamian, USARSO Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander. "However, doing them in a deployed environment gives us a chance to exercise the part of our headquarters that's becoming deployable."

To maximize the training opportunity of the CPX at Soto Cano, USARSO timed FA07 to coincide with the arrival of Army supplies and equipment for the New Horizons 2007 exercises in Guatemala and Belize, where U.S. military personnel will build medical clinics, schools and wells and provide thousands of local citizens with basic medical and dental care. The materiel for these exercises came on Navy ships from San Diego; Beaumont, Texas; and Norfolk, Va., to Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala, in a joint Navy-Army logistical exercise the participants called Humanitarian Support Over-the-Shore.

Using a floating dock designed for port facilities that are unable to accommodate large U.S. Navy vessels, the USNS Soderman was able to unload more than 400 pieces of humanitarian-assistance equipment for transport by line-haul to New Horizons base camps in Guatemala and Belize.

From the JTF FA07 command post at Soto Cano, USARSO Soldiers and civilians monitored the port operations and tracked the movement of personnel and materiel to the base camps.

"I learned what USARSO as a whole is

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## Referral bonus extended to Army civilians

WASHINGTON — The Army has expanded its "\$2K Referral Bonus" program to include civilian employees, making it possible for them to earn \$2,000 while helping the Army boost enlistments.

Until March 15, the recruiting incentive — known as the "\$2K Referral Bonus" program for the regular Army and Army Reserve, and "Every Soldier is a Recruiter" in the National Guard — applied only to Soldiers and Army retirees who referred applicants who enlist, complete basic training and graduate from advanced individual training.

The bonus for referring a prospective applicant who has never served in the armed forces originated in January 2006 with a \$1,000 bonus. It was doubled in November 2006.

Under the newly expanded program, a Department of the Army civilian who refers a prospective recruit before the applicant meets with a recruiter is eligible for the award. Restrictions preclude the referral of an immediate family member, including an adopted or stepchild. Additionally, the referral must be made via the following Web sites, respectively, for active-duty Army prospective recruits and Army National Guard prospective recruits: <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart/> or [www.1800goguard.com/esar](http://www.1800goguard.com/esar).

"This will not only encourage them, but also reward them for their service."

Lt. Gen. Michael Rochelle  
Deputy chief of staff for Army personnel

Referrals for the regular Army and Army Reserve may also be made by calling U.S. Army Recruiting Command's toll-free number at 1-800-223-3735. Referrals to the National Guard should call the Guard's toll-free number at 1-866-566-2472.

"As the Army Civilian Creed notes, Army civilians are dedicated members of the Army team. They support the mission, and they provide stability and continuity during war and peace," said Lt. Gen. Michael Rochelle, the Army's deputy chief of staff for personnel. "I know they are directing deserving youth to recruiters now. This will not only encourage them, but also reward them for their service."

For more information about the referral program, visit <https://www.usarec.army.mil/smart/> or call 1-800-223-3735, ext. 6-0473. (Source: Army News Service)



# That's no bull

## Bull-riding champions thank military for service

Story and photo by Cheryl Harrison  
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

South Texas Ford Dealers and Professional Bull Riders, Inc., honored San Antonio's military for their service to the nation March 15 with the donation of a Ford F-250 pickup truck and 8,000 tickets to a professional bull-riding event.

On hand for the military appreciation preview, held at the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Fort Sam Houston, were seven-time all-around world champion cowboy and PBR president Ty Murray; Ford Motor Company executives; along with the 2004 PBR World Champion, Mike Lee.

Jerry Jones, owner and general manager of the Dallas Cowboys, said, "The Dallas Cowboys Organization, in conjunction with Ford Motor Company, take great pride in offering this F-250 Super Duty truck to the Soldier and Family Assistance Center at Fort Sam Houston. It is a small token of our appreciation to the men and women of the United States military who serve our country.

"We look forward to working more closely with you in the next few months, and the coming years, as we return to San Antonio for the Built Ford Tough Training Camp. We look forward to seeing you there."

"Ford is the official vehicle for the Dallas Cowboys, the No. 1 franchised team in football," said David Mondragon, Ford general manager, southwest market. "On behalf of Ford Motor Company and the Dallas Cowboys, we would like to donate this Ford F-250 super crew truck to the Soldier and Family Assistance Center to support wounded Soldiers recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center. At this time I'd like to turn over the keys to the Fort Sam Houston Garrison commander."

Accepting the keys to the truck was Col. Wendy Martinson, commander, Fort Sam Houston U.S. Army Garrison. "Thank you ever so much for this generous outpouring. Soldiers have been using their own vehicle to pick up supplies. We thank you and we join your team to be the most powerful team in America."

The appreciation did not stop with a truck. Murray stepped up to the mike for another presentation.

"Thank you. It is great to be here. From the military, we get some of the greatest fans we've ever had. On behalf of myself, David Mondragon and Mike Lee, we'd like to donate to the guys in the military 8,000 tickets to the May 19 event in the Alamodome," said Murray, refer-

encing the upcoming Professional Bull Riders 2007 – Built Ford Tough Series Ford Country Classic event.

Besides autographed photos of the PBR cowboys, J.D. Nix of the Luckenbach Cattle Company was on hand with two stars of the rodeo circuit. Cracker Jack, a Brahma cross bull, and Fear Factor, a red Hereford, were penned for the public to touch and "meet" up close and personal.

When asked why the bulls were calm enough to pet, yet are known for bucking cowboys into the dirt during rodeos, Nix replied, "We do a lot of work in handling the bulls. They have a job to do in the ring and they are trained and handled like you do your family pets."

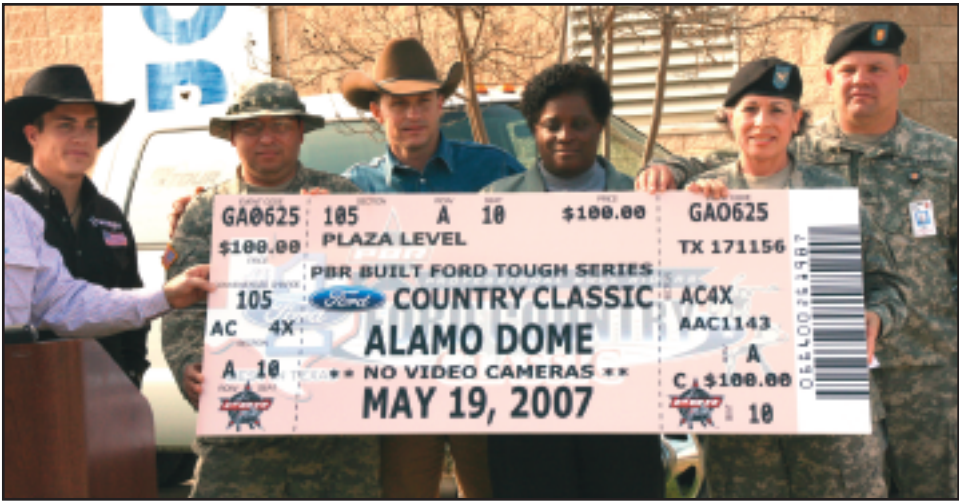
Part of the gathering included camp kids from the Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center taking part in a spring break riding program. The children enjoyed touching the bulls, having photos taken with the rodeo celebrities and getting autographs.

Referring to the Fort Sam Houston Morale, Welfare and Recreation program, 10 year-old Austin Schley said, "Camp is great. It was fun to ride a horse for the first time."

Not to be overlooked, Wal-Mart representatives of the Wal-Mart Heart Program donated a truckload of bottled water for the SFAC.

Dave Madison, general transportation manager for Wal-Mart, said, "This will be an ongoing program."

Judith Markelz, SFAC director, added, "We go through a lot of water. This will save us about \$1,800 dollars of out-of-pocket volunteer money during the summer months."



(From left) Mike Lee, 2004 Professional Bull Riders World Champion; Spc. Charles Dominguez, team leader, Soldier and Family Assistance Center; Ty Murray, seven-time World Champion and PBR president; Sgt. Maj. Mary Hayes, NCO in charge, SFAC; Col. Wendy Martinson, commander, Fort Sam Houston U.S. Army Garrison; and Sgt. Jerry Todd stand with a giant ticket which represents 8,000 tickets donated to the Soldiers for the upcoming pro bull-riders event to be held May 19 in the Alamodome. Behind the group is the Ford F-250 donated by the PBR and South Texas Ford dealers to the SFAC.



Kelly Ahearne, 9 years old, scratches the ear of Fear Factor, a red Hereford bull from the Luckenbach Cattle Company. Fear Factor is a bull frequently seen as the victor during bull-riding competitions.

## Burn patients

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rehabilitation center that sports new world-class equipment.

Hooper said that the Center for the Intrepid is not a gymnasium or a workout facility, it is a rehabilitation facility.

"Patients do not simply come in and workout, but are appointed for care using the BAMC outpatient appointment system," Hooper said. "All patients treated at the CFI have individually tailored treatment plans designed to help them meet their specific goals."

Many of the burn patients are looking forward to meeting their individualized goals and incorporating additional activities that will help with strengthening and endurance.

And for Spc. Richie Dominguez, a military policeman, who suffered burns in August 2006 after an attack by a suicide truck bomber, the Center for the Intrepid's Fire Arms Training System will help him get back a critical firearms skill.

"No other rehabilitation center in the country provides firearms training and certification," Dominguez said. "As a Soldier and police officer that is an important skill for me."



Photos by Nelia Schrum



(Above) Center for the Intrepid staffer Kathy Rasmussen explains the features of the Fire Arms Training System to burn patients checking out the facilities available at the Center for the Intrepid.

(Left) Sgt. Antonio Autry checks out the weight-lifting equipment at the Center for the Intrepid.

### Energy Conservation

#### Tip of the Week

Ensure timers for outdoor lighting reflect the time change that took place March 11. Keep unnecessary lights off, to include outside lights during daylight hours. Keep lights off in vacant offices, meeting rooms and service areas. For a work order, call service call at 221-3144 or visit <https://fsh-intranet.amedd.army.mil>.

For more information about energy conservation, call Charles Neumann, resource efficiency manager, at 221-4147 or 215-6560.





# USO recognizes BAMC caregivers

The United Services Organization San Antonio honored 20 caregivers from Brooke Army Medical Center and Wilford Hall Medical Center for their tireless care of wounded warriors injured in Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom at the 2007 USO Red, White and Blue Gala last month at the Club at Sonterra.

The USO raised nearly \$20,000 at the fundraising event, which will fund existing and developing programs and outreach services for the military families the USO serves in 36 counties in San Antonio and Central Texas. The following BAMC employees were recognized: Spc. Oscar Holguin

Maj. Pamela Wulf  
Capt. Gwen Debias  
Maj. Don Crawford  
Lt. Col. Patrick Ahearne  
Col. Russ Marti  
1st Lt. Stacey Breckons  
Maj. John Godino  
Lt. Colonel Bruce Adams  
Sgt. 1st Class David Martinez  
(Source: USO San Antonio)



Courtesy photo

Lt. Gen. James Cassity, board chairman, recognizes Lt. Col. Patrick Ahearne for his service to wounded warriors during a United Services Organization San Antonio fundraising gala. Nine other Brooke Army Medical Center employees also were honored for their service.

## Disaster relief

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designed to do,” said Sgt. Ragnar Jamieson, automations NCO for the G-6 directorate. Jamieson ran the automations “help desk” during the exercise, ensuring that the computers in the OCP functioned correctly and had continuous connectivity with the Army’s secure and non-secure local area networks, as well as USARSO’s Fort Sam Houston domain. In the process, he got to see firsthand how the OCP worked.

“Being at home you don’t get to see the entire scope of operations, but here you do,” he said.

Spc. Norma Olivares, administrative specialist in the operations directorate, said she appreciated the opportunity to see what it was like to deploy and set up a command post in a different country. What impressed her most during the exercise was how well USARSO’s enlisted Soldiers and officers worked together.

“Everyone was willing to get their hands dirty,” she said, “and that surprised me.”

In addition to supporting OCP operations, USARSO personnel used some of their time at Soto Cano to brush up on basic Soldier skills.

Sgt. 1st Class Eric Hubert, a drill sergeant at Fort Knox before transferring to USARSO, was NCO in charge of the M-16 and M-9 qualification at Soto Cano’s weapons range. After seeing that USARSO still taught

basic rifle marksmanship by the old standard — using the foxhole-supported position — he decided there was no better time for a change than the present, so he discarded the foxhole position in favor of the kneeling position.

“I wanted to implement how we’re training our troops today,” he said. “This is how we’re fighting in the contemporary Army now, so this is how we train.”

HHC personnel also practiced convoy operations, reacting to simulated ambushes using the same tactics, techniques and procedures that Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan are using in response to improvised explosive devices.

While ambushes and IEDs are not something that USARSO personnel normally have to worry about in their AOR, HHC 1st Sgt. Elva Marquez felt it was important that her unit take advantage of their time at Soto Cano to conduct some tactical training.

“Here we were able to focus on our training without any of the usual distractions, and in a different environment than we normally train in,” she said, referring to USARSO’s previous tactical exercises at Camp Bullis.

At the end of the exercise, JTF Fuerte Apoyo transferred command and control back to JTF Bravo. As SOUTHCOM’s contingency response force for Central America, JTF Bravo is normally responsible for command and control of New Horizons exercises.

The Fuerte Apoyo exercise was USARSO’s second



Photo by Jose Saez

U.S. Army South Soldiers and civilians help set up the Operational Command Post for Fuerte Apoyo 2007. Throughout the exercise, the OCP served as a joint task force headquarters supervising the movement of personnel and materiel into Guatemala and Belize for New Horizons exercises.

command post exercise in four months, part of a continuing effort to prepare for its transformation to U.S. Army South (6th Army) in July 2008. At that time, USARSO will gain the capability of deploying a JTF or Joint Forces Land Component Command headquarters into the SOUTHCOM AOC — an area that includes more than 30 countries and 15.6 million square miles of Latin America and the Caribbean.

# Women’s History Month

## Women Making History



Col. Patricia Hastings

Col. Patricia Hastings is the director of Combat Medic Training, Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston.

When posed with the question “If you could be any woman in history, past or present, who would it be and why?” Hastings answered with the following:

“I have many women that I admire for scholarship, art, music, literature, leadership and politics, but the four that stand out to me are in order by time:

**Elizabeth Blackwell:** She was the first female physician graduating with a degree in the United States. She was also an abolitionist and women’s rights activist. Blackwell was active in the anti-slavery movement and dealt with prejudice from professors and students to complete her training. She overcame obstacles that would stop many from pursuing a dream and in 1849, she graduated at the top of her class.

**Marie Curie:** Her early life began in poverty, but she overcame adversity through hard work and scholarship. She studied math and science leading to the discovery of radium for which she won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903 and Chemistry in 1911. Curie found radiation could kill cells and considered it as a method to kill cancers. Madame Curie also helped develop X-ray machines used in World War I to bring state-of-the-art care to Soldiers at the front lines. Her work was the cause of her death; she

died in 1934 of radiation poisoning.

**Eleanor Roosevelt:** She had a vision of the future in which countries, institutions and people would be able to work toward elimination of artificial divisions. She based this vision on promotion of civil rights and security. Eleanor Roosevelt worked tirelessly to promote human rights and helped write and approve the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. My favorite quote from her is, “No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.”

**Wangari Maathai:** A Kenyan environmentalist, Maathai is the first African woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize (2004). She founded the “Green Belt Movement,” an organization which planted more than 30 million trees across Africa. She works for human rights, democracy and women’s rights. She has been beaten, harassed, tear-gassed, arrested, jailed, and has received death threats for her activism. The Nobel committee stated that “Maathai stands at the front of the fight to promote ecologically viable social, economic and cultural development in Kenya and in Africa ... she thinks globally and acts locally.”

After winning the prize, she stated, “Some people have asked what the relationship is between peace and environment, and to them I say that many wars are fought over resources, which are becoming increasingly scarce across the earth. If we did a better job of managing our resources sustainably, conflicts over them would be reduced. So, protecting the global environment is directly related to securing peace.” I believe her work as a guardian of this fragile planet and understanding of resource wars is key to our survival as a species.



Photo by Esther Garcia

### Parade wave

Fort Sam Houston military representatives, Staff Sgt. Russell Burnham, Army Medical Department Center and School, and Spc. Kellie Burch, Brooke Army Medical Center, join the San Antonio community to celebrate the 39th Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade held Saturday in downtown San Antonio. Supporting the parade is Humvee driver Spc. Javier Barreto and Sgt. Allen Labeth, truck commander, Training Support Company, 32nd Medical Brigade.

### Test your knowledge of women inventors

1. Who invented the Kevlar, a steel-like fiber used in radial tires, crash helmets and bulletproof vests, in 1966?

2. Who invented the life raft in 1882?

3. Who invented liquid paper correction fluid in 1956?

4. Who invented the electric hot water heater in 1917?

5. Who invented the dishwasher in 1872?

6. Who invented the car heater in
- 1893?

7. Who invented the windshield wiper in 1903?

8. Who invented the rotary engine in 1904?
- E-mail answers to Sgt. 1st Class Rosalba Chambers, 32nd Medical Brigade equal opportunity adviser, at [Rosalba.d.chambers@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Rosalba.d.chambers@amedd.army.mil). The first two people to respond will receive a prize. For more information, call 221-4240.*



# Fort Sam Houston Club Advisory Council needs input

By Minnie Jones  
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

The Fort Sam Houston Club Council was established as a cooperative tool between enlisted Soldiers, civilians and retirees to addresses a multitude of issues facing the club, including increasing club participation.

Col. James Signaigo, Army Medical Department Center and School, combat developer, who was appointed as the Sam Houston Club Council president in May 2006, said his mission, as president, “is to ensure the club meets the customer’s observations, comments and desires. My personal commitment is to Fort Sam Houston’s population and addressing tough questions and issues.”

An example, he said, is why the club usage has traditionally been less than optimal.

“I am investigating the reasons behind this decline, and currently it appears to be many reasons; possibly that we are a training post or because we are located in a large metropolis, which offers many amenities that the club cannot compete with. However, if we find that the lack of club patronage is driven by unresponsiveness, the council’s job would be to circumvent that reason, and alter the way we do business,” Signaigo said.

“As the research develops through the council, we will see,” Signaigo said. “Mr. (James) Lancaster (club manager), and his staff have a very tough job of continuously reaching out and trying different venues to attract and please customers. I am very proud to be associated with them.

Barbara George, chief, Business Operation Division of Moral, Warfare and Recreation, sees the council as a viable tool in canvassing information.

“The good thing about having an advisory council is that we have representatives on the council that represent the entire military community that we are trying to service,” she said. “The club can receive a lot of information from council members, and from people within their organizations, to see what they would like to see at the club, and what they would be willing to support.”

“Throughout the years,” George said, “the focus of the club has changed. Our clubs have also been the best place for Soldiers to

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Col. James Signaigo  
Army Medical Department Center and School

come together and relax while off-duty. Building camaraderie and a sort of rite-of-passage was a very enjoyable club experience. Military clubs were places where young troops listened to old war stories, humanizing their supervisors, making them more approachable.”

She believes the lack of participation maybe contributed to the change in people’s wants and desires. “Today’s generation has changed from previous years. People are now interested in more family-related activities.”

Lancaster hopes the council will set up a better line of communication between the club and the Soldiers, families and civilians on Fort Sam Houston. “This communication will enable us better serve the community by providing programs that the Fort Sam population wants rather than management having to guess at what they want,” Lancaster said.

Another concerned of Lancaster is that “the military does not seem to support the club, which has a very serious impact on what the club is able to offer the Fort Sam community. Club management stands ready to do everything possible to expand programming but we need their support to do so. Hopefully, through the council, we will learn what types of programs the community would like to see. An all out effort will be made to deliver.”

“I would like for the military to realize that we are here to serve them, but it will take their support so that we can continue any program that we may start. If a program is not supported, we have no choice but to discontinue it. The club is self-supporting and must make money or close its doors. We cannot afford to offer programs that do not, as a minimum, break even. Our motto should be “support MWR so it can support you.” Lancaster said.

The Fort Sam Houston club has always been a vital part of Army’s life and is rich in tradition and heritage, but without continued membership support, they may someday become only a distant memory of our past.

“At the end of the day, I’d like the Sam Houston Club to be thought of as a friendly, neighborhood-type establishment,” Signaigo said.

For more information on joining the Sam Houston Club Advisory Council, call Signaigo at 221-2338. For information on becoming a member of the Sam Houston Club, call James Lancaster or Brenda Ashley at 224-2721 or 224-2722.

## Sports Briefs . . .

### Intramural tennis

Letters of intent for intramural tennis are due April 2. Send letters to the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil. A coaches meeting will be held April 5 at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The season begins April 12. For more information, call 221-1180.

### Spring intramural flag football

Letters of intent for spring intramural flag football are due April 2. Send letters to the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center or e-mail earl.young@samhouston.army.mil. A coaches meeting will be held April 4 at 1 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The season begins April 16. For more information, call Earl Young at 221-1180.

### Men’s, women’s softball tryouts

Players are needed for the men and women’s post softball team. Call Earl Young at 221-1180, or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil to tryout and for more information.

### Boxers wanted

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center is seeking boxers as it hosts another round of boxing excitement. Boxing at the Brought IV will be held June 2 at 6 p.m. If interested in participating as a boxer in this or future events, contact the Intramural Sports Branch at 221-1180 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil. Boxers must be registered and training 30 days prior to the event. For more information, call 221-1234. Event T-shirts are on sale at select locations.

### Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

Registration is now open for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The basketball camp is by invitation only. Registration is open to boys and girls ages 10 through 19. Former participants include Michael Jordon, Tim Duncan and Vince Carter. College basketball scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American Team. For more information, call 704-373-0873.

# All-Army women prevail in military March madness

## Fort Sam employee coaches team to victory

By Tim Hipps  
U.S. Army Family and MWR Command Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Sgt. Evevetta Crawford averaged 20.2 points in six games to help the All-Army team win the 2007 Armed Forces Women’s Basketball Championship March 12 to 17 at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

The All-Army team celebrated the 30th anniversary of Armed Forces women’s basketball by going 6-0 in the double round-robin tournament and capturing its 26th crown against sister services Air Force (3-3), Marine Corps (2-4) and Navy (1-5).

“It’s an awesome tradition to be part of,” said All-Army fourth-year head coach Leroy Williams, who works as a recreation assistant at the 32nd Medical Brigade Gym at Fort Sam Houston. “We’ve been blessed to get a lot of good, quality athletes that find a way to play together despite that it’s only for a short period of time.

“It just kind of speaks for itself. It’s just amazing this type of dominance is happening.”

Crawford, a forward stationed at Camp Buckner in Okinawa, Japan, was named to the Armed Forces All-Tournament Team, as were All-Army teammates forward Pfc. Shelly Jones of Fort Bragg, N.C.; and guard 1st Lt. Alonna Marable of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Jones averaged 10.3 points and a team-high 9.7 rebounds during the tourney. Marable averaged 14.8 points and 7.8 rebounds.

“Evevetta is our veteran of the team,” Williams said of Crawford, who was named to the All-Tournament Team for the eighth time in as many Armed Forces Championships.

“She had a good supporting cast and she stepped up when she needed to step up,” Williams said. “The other young ladies did a good job of supporting her and vice versa: Ali, Jones, Marable, (Jaci) Bice, and the others who came off the bench. As a team, everyone was outstanding.”

Marable had 23 points on 9-for-10 shooting, seven rebounds, three assists and two steals to lead All-Army to an 80-59 victory over All-Marine that clinched the gold medal for the Soldiers. Crawford scored 18 points and Bice added 13 as All-Army shot 58 percent.

Although 10 inches of snow blanketed the installation, Crawford maintained her hot hand the next day and scored 27 points in All-Army’s 72-70 victory over All-Air Force that concluded the Soldiers’ undefeated run. Marable added 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Spc. Shan’tel Ali, of Fort Sam Houston, had 12 points and 10 rebounds in All-Army’s final game of the tourney. Spc. Jaci Bice of Fort Richardson, Alaska, added nine points, 11 rebounds and four steals.

“It was down, basically, to the last shot,” Williams said. “All four teams were very competitive and pretty close in structure as far as athletes go. We got pushed to the limit in a couple of those games. I was very much impressed that they stayed focused and endured the distraction of the snow. Even though they had already won the tournament, they were able to pull out a victory in that last game.”

In their tourney opener, Marable had 18

points and Crawford added 17 points and eight rebounds as All-Army defeated All-Navy, 73-62.

Crawford had 18 points, 10 rebounds, five assists and three steals to lead All-Army to a 77-68 victory in their first meeting with the All-Marine team. Bice scored 17 points and Marable added 16.

Jones came off the bench to score 20 points on 9-for-14 shooting and had 17 rebounds in 28 minutes of All-Army’s 79-63 victory over All-Air Force. Crawford had 20 points and eight boards. Bice added 17 points.

All-Army displayed its depth during a 95-76 victory over All-Navy. Crawford led the charge with 21 points, and three reserves scored in double figures: Jones, 18 points, 11 rebounds; Sgt. Amoni Suttice, of Kadena Air Base, Japan, 17 points; and Sgt. Chrishea Fisher, of Fort Sill, Okla., 11 points on 5-for-5 shooting. Marable added 12 rebounds, five assists and four blocks.

“I’d been talking to Amoni Suttice and Chrishea Fisher about how in a six-, seven-, or eight-person rotation that someone else needs to step up because the other teams have found a way to contain the starting five,” Williams said. “When they get their chance, they need to take advantage of it, whether it’s 30 seconds or two minutes. The more successful they are out on the court, the longer they stay, and the more rest that goes to the starters.”

Senior Airman Nicole Bowman, a guard from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., and Petty Officer 3rd Class Judy Burns, a center stationed aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, rounded out the Armed Forces



Photo by Pfc. Matthew E. Jones

Sgt. Evevetta Crawford, of Camp Buckner, Okinawa, Japan, averages 20.2 points and 6.8 rebounds in six games to lead All-Army to its 26th crown in 30 years of the Armed Forces Women’s Basketball Championships March 12 to 17 in Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa.

All-Tournament Team.

They will join Army representatives coach Williams, Marable, Crawford, Jones, Bice and Ali on the Armed Forces All-Star Team scheduled to play in the Pro-Am National Championships Wednesday through April 1 in Las Vegas.

Senior Airman Nina Hawkins, of Dyess Air Force Base, Texas; Senior Airman Muneerah Williams, of Dover Air Force Base, Del.; Lance Cpl. Nicole Wells, of Paris Island, S.C.; Ensign Ashley Pelzek, of Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla.; and Yeoman Third Class Tija Hopkins, of Petaluma, Calif., filled the Armed Forces All-Star Team roster.

(Claudia A. Berwager, an Army sports specialist at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., contributed to this article.)







# Holy Week, Passover Schedule

## Jewish

### Passover Seder

April 2 – For more information, call Norton Shectman at 379-8666.

## Catholic

### Palm Sunday, Solemn Blessing and Distribution of Palms

March 31 at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel.  
April 1 at 8 a.m. at the Army Medical Department Chapel, 9:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel and 12:30 p.m. at the Dodd Field Chapel.

### Annual Lenten Communal

#### Penance/Reconciliation Service

April 2 at 6 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel.

#### Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper

April 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel and 7 p.m. at the AMEDD Chapel.

#### Good Friday, Celebration of the Lord’s Passion

April 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel and 7

p.m. at the AMEDD Chapel.

#### Great Easter Vigil

April 7 at 8 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel.

#### Easter Sunday

April 8 at 8 a.m. at the AMEDD Chapel, 9:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel and 12:30 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel.

## Protestant

The Protestant Choir will present the cantata, “Who is this King?”, April 1, Palm Sunday, at the 8 and 11 a.m. services.

#### The Living Last Supper

April 5 at 7 p.m.

#### Easter Sunday

##### Easter Protestant Outdoor Service

April 8 at 9 a.m. at MacArthur Field. Refreshments will follow.

#### Protestant Service

April 8 at 11 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel.

*Note: The 8 a.m. Main Post Chapel, 1101 Contemporary Service and the AMEDD Chapel Protestant services will be cancelled Easter Sunday.*





(Above) Various sentiments of love and messages prepared by families for their loved ones line the fence along Binz-Engleman Road, welcoming the returning Marines home.

(Right) Marine reservists from the San Antonio area return home from Iraq March 15 after nine months of deployment.



(Above) Hundreds of families and friends with balloons and signs gather to greet their loved ones returning from Iraq. The welcome home ceremony, held at the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center, also included the uncasing of the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion colors and the national flag by the battalion Sgt. Maj. Hector Cerda.

(Left) Cpl. Steven Wilfong sounds Taps in honor of the three Marines and one civilian who died in Iraq during the battalion deployment.

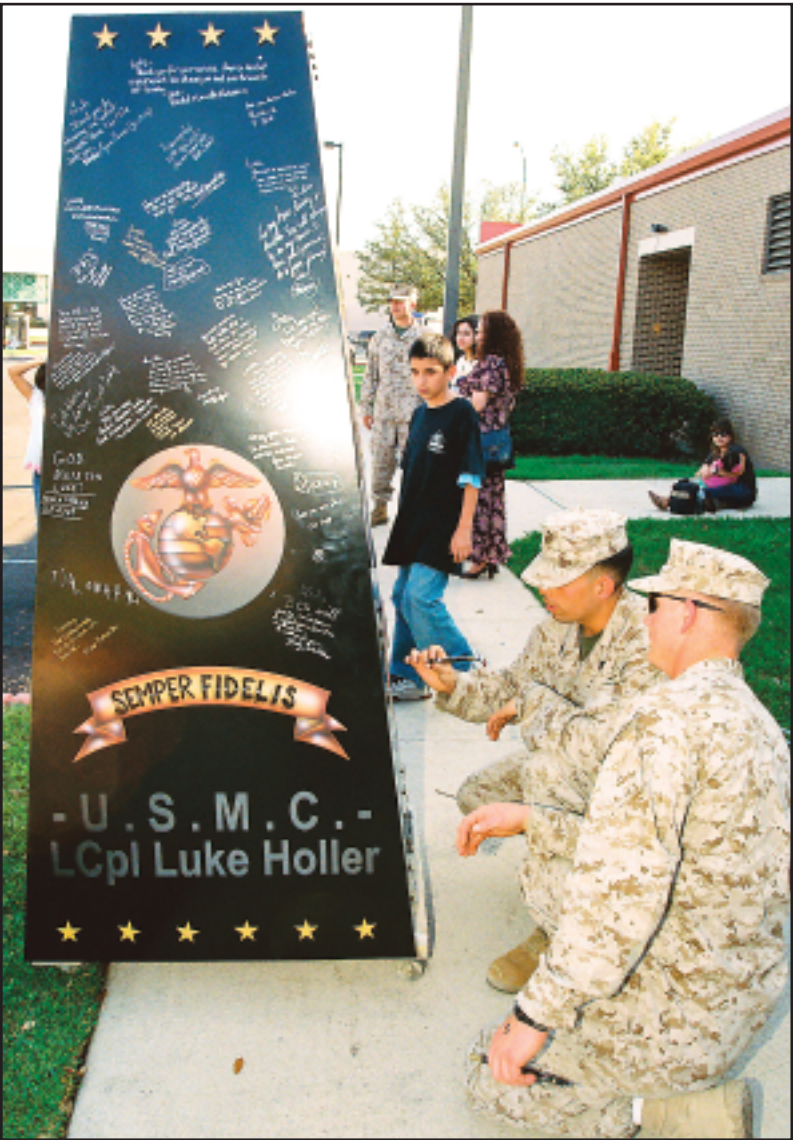


(Above) Cpl. Richard Ekghaguere's little brother, Euclid Linder, just couldn't wait any longer as he runs out to greet him before he is dismissed.

(Right) Maj. Gen. Russell J. Czerw, commanding general, Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston, greets Petty Officer 2nd Class Rodney Lewallen during the welcome home ceremony March 15 at the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center. Czerw presented Lewallen, a medic for the task force reconnaissance unit, with a commander's coin.







Returning Marines sign a memorial statue in honor of their fallen comrade, Lance Cpl. Luke Holler, who died in Iraq Nov. 2, 2006. A friend of the Holler family built the memorial. The Holler family brought the memorial to the welcome home ceremony at the reserve center for the returning Marines to autograph.



(Above) Marines returning from Iraq greet the families of Lance Cpl. Luke Holler and Staff Sgt. Jason Whitehouse during the welcome home ceremony at the Navy and Marine Reserve Training Center March 15. Holler and Whitehouse were killed in Iraq Nov. 2, 2006.

(Left) Lt. Col. Bruce Sullivan, Inspector Instructor commander, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, presents flowers to Carol Whitehouse Bruno and daughter, Rachel Michael, at the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center. Carol's son, Staff Sgt. Jason Whitehouse, died in Iraq Nov. 2, 2006.

# Welcome home

## Marine families express love, relief, sadness

Photos and story by Esther Garcia  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

One by one, the Marines' names were called out during roll call in the parking lot of the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center ... Dresser ... Martinez ... Lewallen. Each responded with a loud "present." But when the last four names were called, there was only silence.

Lance Cpl. Luke Holler, Staff Sgt. Jason Whitehouse, Cpl. Michael Lasky and Sara Abraham, a contract civilian, did not make it home. They were killed Nov. 2, 2006, during combat operations in Iraq. The sound of taps followed in their honor.

It was a bittersweet event as 96 Marine reservists from the San Antonio area returned home to the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion March 15 after being deployed for nine months to Iraq.

Hundreds of families and friends gathered at the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center to welcome home their loved ones. Prior to the arrival of the Marines, families watched a slide show of their Marines in training, their departure and their stay in Iraq. Music and snacks were provided.

Claudia Alvarez was 8 months pregnant when her husband, Staff Sgt. Yacine Alvarez, left for Iraq. Alvarez will be meeting his 5-month-old baby for the first time. "I am excited and elated that he is back," said Claudia.

"He is my whole life, I am very proud of him," said Edward Martinez, father of Lance Cpl. George Martinez, his only son, who was on his second tour to Iraq. Edward, a Vietnam veteran, said he supports his son's decision to join the Marines. "He told me it is his calling and

his turn to serve his country."

Seven members of the Holler family from Bulverde, Texas, including the mother and father of Lance Cpl. Luke Holler, who died Nov. 2, 2006, came to welcome the Marines home.

Carol Whitehouse Bruno and her daughter, Rachel Michael, family of Staff Sgt. Jason Whitehouse, arrived from Arizona to attend the welcome ceremony and meet the Marines. Whitehouse also died Nov. 2, 2006.

Joey Holler, brother of Luke Holler, said, "We are on hand to support all the guys and welcome them home. Luke loved the guys. He used to bring them home a lot."

Lt. Col. Bruce Sullivan, Inspector Instructor commander, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, presented flowers and a memorial book to the Holler family. The

Whitehouse family, who arrived unexpectedly to meet the Marines, was presented with flowers. Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commander, Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston, thanked all the families in the room for their support and presented the commander's coin to the Holler and Whitehouse families.

As the Marines stepped off the bus, they stood in formation to unfurl the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion colors and the national colors.

Lt. Col. Walter Estep, commander, 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, thanked the families for their support. Estep said, "We arrived in August 2006. It was a very bad place, but everyone knew what he had to do. When we left a week ago, the Iraqi Army and police were standing up, ready to take control of their country."

## Fallen comrades . . .



Lance Cpl. Luke Holler, age 21, from Bulverde, Texas



Cpl. Michael Lasky, age 22, from Alaska



Staff Sgt. Jason Whitehouse, age 27, from Phoenix

Not pictured: Sara Abraham, interpreter



Community Recreation

5K fun run, walk

Support National Nutrition Month and participate in the 5K fun run and walk Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. The registration fee is \$10 per person. To register or for more information, call Will Lloyd or Lucian Kimble at 221-2020 or 221-1234.

3-D archery shoot

The next 3-D archery shoot will be held Saturday and Sunday. Registration is 8 to 10 a.m. The competitive shoot includes 30 3-D animal targets placed at unknown distances ranging from 10 to 40 yards in woodland settings. Awards are given to the top three in each class. The cost is \$15 per person. Minis and cubs shoot free with a paid adult, and a playground is available for younger children. For more information, call the Camp Bullis Outdoor Recreation Center at 295-7577.

Run, bike duathlon

The Fort Sam Houston 5K/14 mile/5K duathlon #3 will be held Sunday at 7:30 a.m. at the Brigade Gym. To register or for more information, call Will Lloyd or Lucian Kimble at 221-2020 or 221-1234.

Randolph skeet, trap range

The Randolph Open Club Championship Shoot will be held April 6 to 8. National Skeet Association rules govern and Texas residents must have a current Texas Skeet Shooting Association card. To sign up or for more information, call 652-2064.

Yoga, Pilate classes

Free yoga classes are offered at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Fridays from 5 to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 8 to 9 a.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesdays classes cost \$2. Pilate classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$2 per person. For more information on yoga and Pilate classes at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, call 221-2020 or 221-1234.

Yoga, Pilate instructors needed

Yoga and Pilate instructors are needed at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center to teach classes. For more information, call 221-2020 or 221-1234.

‘Read to the Kids’ program

The Fort Sam Houston Library offers a Video Messenger System program so deployed or pre-deployed Soldiers can stay connected with their children while they are away. The service videotapes and records Soldiers reading a children’s book while looking into the camera. The completed copy of the video or DVD is then mailed to their home for their children to view as often as they like while the parent is deployed. Books used in the program are available at the post library. The service is by appointment only. To make an appointment or for more information, call 221-4702 or 221-4387.

Transfer home movies to DVD

Take 8 mm home movies of family and friends to the Arts and Crafts Center at Lackland Air Force Base and have them transferred to DVDs. The cost is \$7.50 per hour plus the cost of the disc. For more information, call 671-2515 or 671-2269.

Golf Club, 221-9386

Monthly Scramble schedule change

In April, the Warriors Monthly Scramble will move to the first Friday of each month. The next tournament will be held April 6 with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Register up to four players to participate in the tournament. The entry fee is \$20 per person and includes cart rental, prizes and social following the scramble. Participants must be in an authorized pass or leave status. Register at the Golf Club’s Pro Shop or for more information call 222-9386.

Bowling Center, 221-3683

Quick-Play bingo

Quick-Play bingo units are available at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Quick-Play is a personal handheld device that allows patrons to play bingo by using simple touch-screen technology. Choose up to four bingo cards to play at the same time. Each unit is lightweight and easy to use. The device can be used by bingo enthusiasts who want to play alone at a time convenient to them or by bowling center patrons awaiting their chance to bowl. For more information, call the bowling center at 221-3683.

Eighties Day

Enjoy 80-cent bowling games and 80-cent shoe rental Sundays from 2 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. For more information, call 221-3683.

Dining and Entertainment

Sam Houston Club, 224-2721

Family-style Sunday brunch

Brunch is held the first and third Sunday of each month. The next brunch will be held April 1 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The brunch features a kids’ meal station, a chocolate fondue station, complimentary champagne and an international food station. The cost is \$13.95 for nonmembers, \$11.95 for members and \$7.95 for children 6 to 11 years old. Children 5 years old and under eat free. For more information, call 224-2721.

All-you-can-eat pasta family night

Family night at the Sam Houston Club will be held Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Bring the entire family and indulge in the all-you-can-eat pasta and pizza bar. The cost is \$9.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children ages 6 to 11 and free for children age 5 and younger. Children’s games and activities provided. For more information, call 224-2721.

All-you-can-eat hotdogs - Super TGIF

In celebration of National Hotdog Day, the Sam Houston Club will offer an all-you-can-eat hot dog bar March 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Seguin room. Live entertainment will be provided. For more information, call 224-2721.

National Hoagie Day - Super TGIF

April 6 is National Hoagie Day. Stop by the Sam Houston Club and celebrate this American delight at Super TGIF starting at 6 p.m. Free hoagies will be served, and an on-site disc jockey will play the latest tunes. For more information, call 224-2721.

Big Bucks Bingo

A guaranteed giveaway of \$10,300 in prize money is for the taking in Big Bucks Bingo April 7 at the Sam Houston Club. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 224-2721.

Easter Brunch

Reservations for Easter Brunch at the Sam Houston Club are now being taken. Easter Brunch will be April 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A variety of breakfast, lunch and dessert items will be served. The cost is \$17.95 for nonmembers, \$15.95 for members, \$7.95 for youth 6 to 11 years old and free to children age 5 and younger. To make reservations or for more information, call 224-2721.

Membership has its privileges

Become a member of the Sam Houston

Texas Hold ‘Em tournament

The 2007 Texas Hold ‘Em tournament first round will be held March 30 from 6 to 10 p.m., and the second round will be held March 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Sign up by March 28. The first place winner will receive a \$500 gift card in the double elimination tournament. First place winners from each participating Army installation will be invited to compete in an online final competition and get a chance to win grand prizes. The first place online winner will receive an ultimate home theater package, second place a laptop computer and third place a \$650 gas card. Participants must be at least 21 years old. The registration fee is \$15 and includes a sandwich plate and unlimited soft drinks. The event is sponsored by Coca-Cola (Vault Energy Drink) and Coors Light. For more information, call 224-2721.

Club and receive special benefits such as a free first month of membership. Members receive a benefits card for the chance to get free items such as Sunday brunch, weekday lunch, bowling games, bingo package and a dinner theater show from various MWR activities. Club members can select one of the complimentary services after using or participating in 10 paid activities at the Sam Houston Club. For more information, call 224-2721.

Harlequin Dinner Theatre, 222-9694

The comedy “Bus Stop,” by William Inge, will play at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre through March 31. Tickets are \$24.95 Wednesdays and Thursdays and \$27.95 Fridays and Saturdays. The doors open for salad bar and cocktails at 6:15 p.m., the buffet from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Military discounts are available. For reservations or more information, call 222-9694.

MWR Ticket Office, 226-1663

Austin Wranglers Arena Football season tickets are on sale for select games at the MWR Ticket Office. The cost is \$14.95 per ticket. A special package deal is available for groups of 30 individuals. Purchase 29 tickets for a single Wranglers game at the special group rate of \$29 per person and receive one free ticket. Group package includes transportation. Anyone who purchases a ticket can enter the drawing for a chance to win an autographed Deion Sanders football and an Austin Wranglers’ T-shirt. Winners are selected each week. The ticket office is located inside the Sam Houston Club and is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 226-1663 or 224-2721. Effective April 5, the hours of operation at the ticket office will change to an extended summer schedule. The hours will be Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed Sundays and Mondays.

Coushatta Casino Resort Trip

The MWR Ticket Office and the Sam Houston Club will sponsor a trip to the Coushatta Casino Resort in Kinder, La., April 10 at 7 a.m. and will return April 11 at 10 p.m. The bus will depart from the Sam Houston Club. The cost is \$49 per person and includes roundtrip motor coach transportation, overnight hotel accommodations, continental breakfast at hotel and one \$23 coupon from the casino. Participants must be at least 21 years old and possess a valid photo ID at all times. Make reservations at the ticket office by April 4. For more information, call 226-1663 or 224-2721.



Events

MOAA luncheon

The Military Officers Association of America, Alamo Chapter will host a luncheon today at the Sam Houston Club. The guest speaker will be Rick Castrom, chief of the Combat-Related Compensation Board, Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base. His presentation will cover information on combat-related special compensation and concurrent receipt policies. The cost of the luncheon is \$16. Reservations must be made by Friday. For more information or to make reservations, call 228-9955.

LBJ State Park walk

The Volkssportverein Friedrichsburg Volksmarch Club will host a 10K and 6K walk Saturday beginning at the Lyndon B. Johnson State Park-Ranch Division in Stonewall, Texas. Walkers must pre-register. For more information, call Joyce O’Rear at 830-992-2053, e-mail tnjocole@austin.rr.com or visit www.walktx.org/AVA1/.

St. David’s Community Festival

The St. David’s Episcopal Church Community Festival will be held Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1300 Wiltshire Ave. There will be a 5K run/walk, games, booths, music, raffle, door prizes and a barbecue. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 824-2481.

Scholarship Beauty Pageant

A Scholarship Beauty Pageant will be held Sunday from 2 to 7 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797, Stanley Road. The event is sponsored by Texas Universal. “Miss and Master Universal Faces” and “Dots-n-Daisies” is open to infants through 25 years old; no experience is necessary. Male and female participants are eligible. Events will include beauty, Sunday best, dress or suit, formal gown or tuxedo, casual wear and interview. Winners will receive cash payouts, satin embroidered sashes, rhinestone crowns and gifts. For more information or entry forms, call 863-6361 or e-mail Txummi@sbcglob-al.net.

Hiring Heroes Career Fair

The Hiring Heroes Career Fair will be held Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club, 1395 Chaffee Road. Attendees should bring copies of their résumé and be prepared to meet with recruiters. For assistance with résumé building, call the Army Career and Alumni Program at 221-1213 or the Family Member Employment Assistance Service Program at 221-0516. For more information, call Michael Main at 221-0619 or e-mail michael.main @samhouston.army.mil.

NAF property cash and carry sale

Items of property will be sold Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Building 4192, Bay “A.” Cash and personal checks with picture ID will be accepted as forms of payment. All sales are final. Property is sold as is, where is. Items must removed at the time of purchase. There will not be a prior viewing of sale property. To receive a list of property for this sale, e-mail the warehouse supervisor at Lonnie.O’Haver@samhouston.army.mil. For more information or directions, call 221-4449 or 221-4950.

Military Community Job Fair

The Military Community Job Fair will be held Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Live Oak Civic Center, 8101 Pat Booker Road. Attendees should bring copies of their resume and be prepared to meet with recruiters; more than 100 employers will be at this event. The job fair is sponsored by several Fort Sam Houston and Randolph Air Force Base military community services, the U.S. Department of Labor/VETS, the Texas Veterans Commission and the Disabled American Veterans. For more information, call the Army Career and Alumni Program at 221-1213.

Joint services luncheon

The Officer and Civilian Spouses’ Club and the Lackland officers’ spouses’ clubs will host a Joint Services Luncheon March 29 at 11 a.m. at the Lackland Gateway Club. The guest speaker will be “Heloise” the columnist. The cost for the luncheon is \$12 and \$15, and must be paid in advance. For reservations, call Jen at 595-3179. For tickets by mail, send a check to LOSC, P.O. Box 27491, San Antonio, Texas, 78227. For more information, call Susan Luciano at 475-9973.

KLRN ‘Reading Rainbow’ contest

Applications for KLRN “Reading Rainbow” Young Writers and Illustrators Contest will be accepted now through March 30. The contest encourages children from kindergarten to third grade to write and illustrate their own stories. Applications and rules are available for pick-up and drop-off at KLRN, 501 Broadway, and selected Burger Kings. For more information or application, call KLRN at 270-9000, ext. 2265 or visit kln.org/readingrainbow.

VFW Casino Night

The James B. Sprague VFW, Post 8541 will host a Casino Night March 31 from 6 to 10 p.m. at 2222 Austin Highway. The event will feature free food, \$1000 in chips, door prizes and a chance to win a big screen high definition TV. The cost is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. For more information, call 655-2944.

ROA offers scholarships

The Reserve Officers Association is accepting applications for the Henry J. Reilly Memorial Scholarship. Applications are available online at www.roa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=reilly\_scholarship. The submission deadline is April 10. A minimum of 60 scholarships will be awarded to graduate and undergraduate children and grandchildren of members. For more information, e-mail henry.david.Pendleton@us.army.mil.

OCSC ‘Tour of Homes’

The Officer and Civilian Spouses’ Club will host a “Tour of Homes” April 14 on Fort Sam Houston. Tickets will be on sale Saturdays throughout March in front of the Fort Sam Houston Post Exchange between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Cost of tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 the day of the event. Tickets may also be purchased by calling Christen Jensen at 212-5725.

OCSC April outing

The Officer and Civilian Spouses’ Club will hold a Bluebonnet Drive to Fredericksburg April 16 at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be at the Herb Farm Tea Room. The cost is \$16.50. Reservations for lunch must be made by April 11. This event is open to member and non-member spouses. Carpoolers will meet in the commissary parking lot at 8:30 a.m. For more information or reservations, call Alicia Utz at 807-3111 or e-mail a-to-z@earthlink.net.

OCSC welfare funds available

The Officer and Civilian Spouses’ Club applications for welfare funds are available at the Army Community Service’s front desk, Building 2797, or by calling Sue York at 845-4490. The club contributes to non-profit organizations supporting the welfare of the armed forces and their families located at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. Applications must be postmarked by April 1.

AACOG Regional Awards Nominations

The Alamo Area Council of Governments is accepting nominations for the 2007 AACOG Regional Awards. Nominations are open to the public and will be presented June 13. Nominations must be received by May 1. Categories for nomination are Regional Citizen of the Year, Corporate Citizen of the Year, Community Project of the Year and Governmental Regional Project of the Year. Nomination forms can be submitted online at http://www.aacog.com/award, picked up from the AACOG offices at 8700 Tesoro Drive, Suite 700 or by fax at 225-5937. For

Fort Sam Houston Family Advocacy Program

Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month Activities

Child Abuse Prevention Press Conference

The Child Abuse Prevention Press Conference will be held April 2 at 10 a.m. at Child Protective Service, 3635 S.E. Military Drive, Room 3D66. Mayor Phil Hardberger and Judge Nelson Wolf will introduce the Public Service Announcement “Who Knew” and “Why Not Me?”

Child Abuse Prevention Conference

The Child Abuse Prevention Conference will be held April 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Army Community Service, 2010 Stanley Road, Building 2797. In session one, Col. Elisabeth Stafford and Maj. Keith Lemmon, Brooke Army Medical Center, will present “Recognizing Increased Support Requirements in High Stress Deployed Military Families – A Critical Role for Child & Youth Serving Professionals.” In session two, Melissa Jijerina will cover “Strengthening Families: Preventing Abuse Before It Happens.”

Child Abuse Prevention Education Day

Child Abuse Prevention Education Day will be held April 27 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the University United Methodist Church, 5084 DeZavala Road, at Vance Jackson Road. The panel discussion will be “Child Abuse Prevention and Medical Issues, and the roles of the Faith Based Communities – Help us help you – To help them.”

‘Blue Sunday’ Prayer Service

A “Blue Sunday” prayer service will be held April 29 from 3 to 4 p.m. at Sea World. Many pastors, including Chaplain James Benson from Fort Sam Houston, will pray for abused children, children in foster care and parents who are facing difficult situations. All faith communities around San Antonio will take a brief moment to pray for abused children. The goal of “Blue Sunday” is to provide tickets to Sea World, with meals and transportation included, for the 2,250 children currently living in foster homes.

more information, call 362-5204 or e-mail mail@aacog.com.

‘CivilianJobs.com’ Job Fair

The CivilianJobs.com Job Fair will be held April 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fort Hood Catering and Conference Center, 24th Street and Wainwright Drive, Building 5764, Fort Hood, Texas. Many employers will be recruiting for domestic and international positions including law enforcement, information technology, project management, transportation, sales and operations. For more information, call 866-801-4418 or visit www.CivilianJobs.comor.

Caminada de Fiesta 11K walk

The Caminada de Fiesta 11K walk will be held April 21 at Fort Sam Houston, beginning and ending at the U.S. Army Medical Department Museum. Start time is between 7:30 a.m. and 12 p.m., with an end time of 3 p.m. The event is sponsored by MEDCOM and the Volkssport Association. The walk is free and open to the public. Participants are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for donation to a local food pantry. For more information, call Gerald Kamicka at 658-2160 or e-mail GeraldK726@aol.com.

Meetings

Retired Officers’ Wives, Widows meet

The Retired Officers’ Wives and Widows Club will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Guests are welcome. For more information or reservations, call Arline at 822-6559.

Chess club

The on-post chess club meets Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Brooke Army Medical Center Medical Mall. The club is open to military and their family members, civilians and patients; experience is not necessary. Chess sets are provided on site. For more information, call Michael Oakes at 550-3153

Training

Kids Judo

The Fort Sam Houston Judo Club will begin a six-week Kids Judo course for ages 6 to 16 April 14 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center on Wilson Road. An orientation and uniform fitting will be held April 14 from 9 to 10 a.m. The cost of the six-week class is \$100, which includes uniform and USA Judo membership. Classes will be held Wednesdays from 6:40 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 10 a.m. Adult classes are also available for ages 17 and older. There will be no cost to active, Reserve and Guard members. For more information, call 279-

1742, e-mail kjohansen@satx.rr.com or visit www.sajudo.org.

Army’s E-Learning

The Army e-Learning program provides free training for active Army, National Guardsmen, Reservists, ROTC cadets and Department of the Army civilians with access to more than 2,000 commercial Web-based information technology, foreign language, business, leadership and personal development courses. Courses are accessible 24/7 from anywhere using an Internet connection. Army e-Learning benefits include opportunities for enlisted personnel promotion points and more than 40 certification programs, such as MCSE, A+, CISSP, Cisco, Oracle and more. For more information, call Julie Gueller at 221-6203 or e-mail Julie.Gueller@us.army.mil.

Vincennes University

A Vincennes University representative will be available Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Education Center, Building 2248. For more information, call Dallas May at 800-468-7480 or 812-888-5633, or e-mail dmay@vinu.edu.

SAMC study group

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club, SMA Van Autreve Chapter, conducts a study group Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Building 1350 for Soldiers preparing for competition boards. For more information, call Master Sgt. Adrienne Berkley at 295-4545 or 737-4540 or e-mail Adrienne.Berkley@us.army.mil; or call Sgt. 1st Class Tiffany Reid at 295-4442 or e-mail Tiffany.reid@amedd.army.mil.

ESL Classes

English as a Second Language classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Army Community Service, Building 2797. Sponsored by Region 20 Education Center and the Army Community Service Relocation Assistance Program, ESL classes are for foreign-born spouses to increase reading comprehension, vocabulary and pronunciation. For more information or to register, call 221-2418.

Volunteer

Lackland orthodontic seeks patients

The Tri-Service Orthodontic Residency Program is seeking orthodontic patients. Evaluations for treatment are open to active duty personnel, family members of active duty under age 17, and retirees and their family members under age 17. Patients must live within a 60-mile radius of San Antonio and must be stationary for a minimum of 24 months. Active duty members must fax or hand-carry a referral form, Standard Form 513, from their dental treatment facility to the Dunn Dental Clinic at Lackland Air Force

Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is noon Monday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve military members and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real estate ads will not be published. To submit a Fort

- For Sale:** RCA Whirlpool portable dishwasher, wooden top, \$100. Call 221-2306 or 478-0655.
- For Sale:** 300-pound weight bench, \$150; homemade doll house, \$50; free standing basketball hoop, \$75. Call 822-7895.
- For Sale:** Air hockey game from DMI sports, 6 feet, \$100. Call 852-6927.
- For Sale:** Mitsubishi 62-inch DLP TV with stand, \$2,300. Call 912-4422.
- For Sale:** Two-inch receiver hitch with mounting hardware and installation instructions for 1994 Ford Ranger/Mazda, \$75 obo; one Goodyear RH tire (RWL), size P225/70R15, \$45 obo. Call 295-3210 or 494-8401.
- For Sale:** Solid cherry wood entertainment

- armoire, cabinet pocket-style doors with lots of storage, fits 35-inch TV and other components, \$250. Call 224-4428.
- For Sale:** Swarovski crystal chandelier, new, \$1,400; two large decorative pots, \$20 each. Call 481-1760.
- For Sale:** 1992 Ford Premier van with luxury conversion by Magnum, maintenance records available, in great condition, \$2,695. Call 659-6741, leave message.
- For Sale:** 2004 Nissan Sentra, SE-RS-Spec-V, six speed with upgraded wheels and tires with music system, 31K miles, \$12,300. Call 221-8455, 662-9263 or 334-1816.
- For Sale:** German Schrank wall unit, 11-feet long by 88-inches high, contemporary

Freebie, e-mail **news.leader@samhouston.army.mil** or fax to **221-1198**. Freebies run for one week unless submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-1031.



- style, dark mahogany finish, \$250; entertainment center, complete cabinet includes 32-inch JVC TV, double tape deck and JVC receiver with five surround sound speakers with sub-woofer, \$225. Call 830-438-2860 after 6 p.m. or 218-2975, leave message.
- For Sale:** Monterrey rustic table with four chairs, in excellent condition, \$500; Canon AE-1 program 35MM camera, includes two lens, flash and other extras, \$200; Medicus 2000 dual-hinged swing trainer, includes DVD, manual and adjustment tool, \$95. Call 697-9261 or 363-4056.
- For Sale:** Playpen with mattress and sheets; pet transporter kennel; cradle with mattress; Toyota Tacoma loaded limited edition; three night stay at Dallas Renaissance Hotel, \$150. Call 633-3859.
- For Sale:** 2005 Toyota Tundra, Texas Edition, 25K miles, SR5 double cab four door, 20-inch chrome wheels, low profile tires, running boards, CD/AM/FM stereo, bucket seats, take over lease at no initial cost or purchase for \$22,500. Call 454-0019.
- For Sale:** Infant crib, \$100; child’s desk, \$25; boy’s 20-inch bike, needs inner tube, \$20; girl’s 20-inch bike, \$20; old Avon bottles, prices vary. Call 826-0882.
- Free to Good Home:** Chow mix puppy, 8 weeks old, house broken, female, black with couple of small white steaks and brown feet. Call 902-1479 or 777-5004.